HON'BLE SHRI G.S.SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE C.V. NAGARJUNA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.8494 OF 2007

Between:

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation,
Vijayawada, Krishna District,
Rep., by its Commissioner

…Petitioner

AND

The Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal,
Hyderabad and another

...Respondents

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Counsel for the petitioner : Smt. G. Jhansi
Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Shri D. Prakash Reddy, Senior Advocate assisted by Shri P. Radhive Reddy

July 17, 2007

Per G.S.SINGHVI, CJ

This petition is directed against order dated 3-4-2007 passed by Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad (for short, 'the Tribunal'), whereby the Hon'ble Judicial Member initiated suo motu contempt proceedings against the petitioner who is holding the post of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Vijaywada.

At the commencement of hearing, Shri D. Prakash Reddy, Senior Counsel appearing for the Tribunal disclosed that the original application filed by respondent No.2 has been disposed of and the contempt proceedings have been closed vide order
dated 24-4-2007.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties. Ordinarily, we would have adjudicated on the legality of the suo motu contempt proceedings initiated by the Tribunal and interpreted the ambit and width of Section 17 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, but keeping in view the statement made by the learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Tribunal, we do not consider it necessary to undertake that exercise.

With the above observation, the writ petition is disposed of as infructuous.

As a sequel to disposal of the writ petition as infructuous, WPMP No.10899 of 2007 filed by the petitioner for interim relief is also disposed of as infructuous.

G.S. SINGHVI, CJ

C.V. NAGARJUNA REDDY, J

July 17, 2007

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